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Introduction

As Easter draws near, thoughts turn to the resurrection of Christ and scholars begin debating everything from the bodily resurrection to who reached the tomb first. The following is a bibliography of volumes on different aspects of the resurrection, from personal examinations to scholarly works. The selection was based on a broad range of writing styles and subject areas for a variety of approaches.

Anderson, D. (1990). *Joy comes in the morning*. Neptune, NJ: Loizeaux Bros.

There are academic monographs on the resurrection and then there are books like this one that announce the joy Christians experience when they understand the meaning of Jesus and the cross. Saddened by the commercialization of events in Jesus' life, the author takes a spiritual journey through the events of the resurrection and the people who were there.

Fredriksen, P. (1988). *From Jesus to Christ: The origins of the New Testament images of Jesus*. New Haven: Yale University Press.

This volume provides a unique insight in to the canonical images of Jesus and their origins. The book is divided into three sections: a) the World of the New Testament; b) the World of Judaism; and c) the Christs of the Churches. The nature of the study looks at the images of Jesus within their historical context while exploring the resurrection and issues facing the early churches.

Geisler, N. L. (1989). *The battle for the resurrection*. Nashville: T. Nelson Publishers.

With over 25 books on apologetics, Geisler explores the questions surrounding the physical resurrection of Christ and why it makes a difference in what people believe. Included are a glossary of important terms, a Jewish perspective on the resurrection, a scripture index and topical index.

Green, J. B., McKnight, S., & Marshall, I. H. (1992). *Dictionary of Jesus and the Gospels*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press.

In this continuing series of dictionaries, InterVarsity Press provides scholars with a volume on Jesus and the Gospels. With contributions by over 90 evangelical scholars from multiple nations, the dictionary provides entries on the life of Christ as well as the many topics of the Gospels. Arranged in alphabetical, the volume also includes charts, bibliographies, and extensive articles on larger subjects such as the resurrection.

Kiehl, E. H. (1990). *The Passion of Our Lord*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House.

Filled with illustrations, photographs, maps and diagrams, this monograph is useful for anyone desiring an academic source on the resurrection. It includes information on Jewish law, archaeological sources, background material and Roman law. There is an extensive bibliography and scripture index.

Lloyd-Jones, D. M., & Catherwood, C. (1986). *The cross: God's way of salvation*. Westchester, IL: Crossway Books.

This volume is a collection of sermons by Martyn Lloyd-Jones, who served as minister of Westminster Chapel in London, England for 25 years. Written in expository style, the sermons cover a variety of topics concerning the resurrection and meaning of the cross.

Lutzer, E. W. (2002). *Cries from the cross: A journey into the heart of Jesus*. Chicago: Moody Press.

Lutzer uses this work to assist Christians in understanding what the cross meant to Jesus, and through that understanding, what the cross could mean to them. Using Christ's last words, Lutzer addresses such topics as pardons, assurance, compassion, anguish, suffering, victory and submission; while relating them to modern situations.

MacArthur, J. (2000). *The murder of Jesus: A study of how Jesus died*. Nashville, TN: Word Pub.

MacArthur states that the aim of this book is "to examine the biblical account of Christ's arrest, trial, and crucifixion" (p. XV) while giving readers an understanding of the redemptive work done on the cross. Filled with scripture references, the book is written in a narrative style containing historical detail.

Pentecost, J. D., & Danilson, J. (1981). *The words and works of Jesus Christ: A study of the life of Christ*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

One of the most innovative presentations in this life of Christ is the “Unabridged Outline of Events in the Life of Christ” (p.11-22). Organized in basically chronological order, this detailed outline is listed along with the scriptures which discuss the topic. The section on the resurrection begins at the arrest of Christ and concludes with the ascension. Besides containing a compelling main text, readers will also find charts, notes, an index, and an extensive bibliography.

Strobel, L., & Strobel, L. (2003). *The case for Easter: A journalist investigates the evidence for the Resurrection*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

Although small in size (95 pages), Strobel explores the resurrection with the same investigative techniques as his other books on Christianity. This volume explores the evidence for the missing body, medical evidence, and the multiple sightings of Jesus’ appearances to the public.

Wright, N. T. (2008). *Surprised by hope: Rethinking heaven, the resurrection, and the mission of the church*. New York: HarperOne.

Serving as Bishop of Durham for the Church of England, Wright has written on a variety of Christian topics. In this book, the subtitle states his themes of rethinking heaven, the resurrection and the mission of the church. He addresses the topics of bodily resurrection, historical context, the “second coming of Christ”, reshaping the church for missions, and more.

Yancey, P. (2003). *The Jesus I never knew*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

Yancey is an author, editor and writer who takes a very personal and unique journey in his search for the real Jesus. Using stories from his life, as a child he associated Jesus with Kool-Aid and sugar cookies (p.13), Yancey uncovers a Jesus who readers will want to find out more about.

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